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SUBJ: SITUATION REPORT NO. 11: SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS

OF 0800 EDT, AUGUST 19

1. CYPRUS: AMBASSADOR DAVIES WAS SHOT AND KILLED DURING A DEMONSTRATION AT THE EMBASSY. PRESIDENT CLERIDES WITH NATIONAL GUARD DETACHMENT HAS DISPERSED ATTACKERS. UNICYP FORCES HAVE TAKEN OVER PROTECTION OF ALL AMERICAN EMBASSY INSTALLATIONS.

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2. MILITARY SITUATION IN CYPRUS: THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR

TURKISH ADVANCES, BUT SITUATION REMAINS UNCERTAIN WITH SOME HOSTILITIES CONTINUING. TURKISH GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN SAID THAT REASON FOR TURKISH ACTIONS IS TO PROTECT TURKISH CYPRIOTS AGAINST GREEK ATROCITIES.

3. CYPRUS: ACCORDING TO UN REPS, PRESIDENT CLERIDES REMAINS CONVINCED TURKS WILL TAKE WHOLE ISLAND UNLESS FIRM CEASE-FIRE LINE ESTABLISHED AND SOME FORM OF NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN. DESPITE GREEK POSITION ON NEGOTIATIONS CLERIDES SAYS HE IS WILLING TO BEGIN TALKS WITH TURKS ON CYPRUS IF GREEK GOVERNMENT APPROVES AND GUARANTEES THAT IT WILL NOT ATTACK HIM FOR RESULTS OF TALKS.

4. CLERIDES ADDRESSED THE PEOPLE ON AFTERNOON OF THE 18TH: AND ASKED FOR CALM AND GAVE ASSURANCES REFUGEES WOULD BE CARED FOR.

5. GREECE: DEFENSE MINISTER SAID TO AMBASSADOR PRIVATELY NIGHT OF AUGUST 18 THAT CYPRIOTS WOULD HAVE TO SETTLE CYPRUS. HE SAW NO POSSIBILITY OF GREECE RETURNING TO CONFERENCE TABLE, BUT DID SAY ASSIGNMENT OF GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO TURKS POSSIBLE; HOWEVER, IT SHOULD NOT EXCEED 20 PERCENT OF ISLAND'S AREA.

U.S. COAST GUARD STATION ON ISLAND OF RHODES REPORTS GROWING ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT THERE.

6. ANKARA: TURKISH GOVERNMENT CIRCLES EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS ON TV (FACE THE NATION) AUGUST 18 RE AID TO TURKEY.

7. WASHINGTON: IN LATE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 18, BETWEEN 10-20,000 DEMONSTRATORS SYMPATHETIC TO GREEK CAUSE APPEARED IN FRONT OF THE WHITE HOUSE. THERE WERE NO MAJOR INCIDENTS. KISSINGER

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